



THE F.I.S.H.

FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE TO HIM



SUPER SUNDAY

February 5, 2017 was one historic day. Kicking off that day, two of Hope's Youth were baptized: Jules David Kinkead and Joslin Alexis Kinkead. Now that's something to be super excited about! For on that Sunday our sanctuary became a heavenly stadium, reaching from the ends of heaven to the ends of the earth, and the house was packed with all the saints of heaven and angels. At the center of it all, God, the Father Almighty, stood on His throne with God the Son, Jesus Christ, at His right hand, and God Holy Spirit hovering over those baptismal waters just as the Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning of creation. And we heard the Father speak His Word of Life into Jules and Joslin. We witnessed the Son form them with His own nail-scarred hands and fill them with the Holy Spirit. There was cheering, there was shouting...the whole stadium of heaven, the whole congregation of Hope, was in an uproar for that Super Sunday!



Look at the miracle and beauty of God's family anchored in Christ at that blessed baptismal font!



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CHOSEN

Our Youth spent President's Day weekend at the FLGA District High School Youth Gathering (HSYG), which was hosted at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort on the stunningly beautiful Daytona Beach. We had tons of fun in the sun on the beach.



"You are a CHOSEN Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a People for His own Possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light." (1 Peter 2:9)

TUG OF WAR

Perhaps the greatest idea ever to bring people together at the beach—this competitive game brought youth from all over the beach...seriously, people were actually running over to join in some Tug of War.

With just a 40 foot rope, beach, sunshine, and most of all, youth who are inclusive of others, Tug of War turned into a time of fellowship—fellowship that rope youth together and facilitated connections, not only with other youth from HSYG, but also, youth who happened to be at the beach.

Theme for HSYG was CHOSEN from 1 Peter 2:9. Scripture tells us that we are special, precious, hand-picked by God Himself. In Baptism God tell us, "I chose YOU to be My Son/Daughter. You!"

So, whether you are picked last on the play ground or during PE, God chose You 1st. And He values you above all. You are what He treasures most. Even if peers say negative things to you or about you over social media, in class, or at the lunch table, never forget what God has to say about you and to you. He says, "You are mine. I chose you. I treasure you. You are my beautiful and beloved son/daughter—and nothing will ever change that!" Remember that...remember whose you are and who you are in Christ! #Chosen



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From the time we arrived to the time we left, we had nothing but fun at HSYG. We played card games with Rev. Matt Popovits, who was the lead speaker at HSYG and NYG 2016 in NOLA.

We got our glow sticks on at Mass Events.



HSYG...it's the place for God's Chosen to be...and to be shinning!!



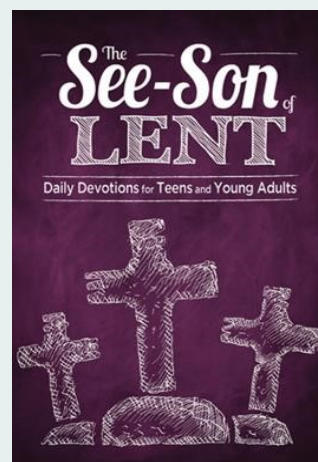
We even ate with our *hands* at Joe's Crab Shack.



SEE-SON

Our Lenten march begins as we make our way through these 40 days, witnessing Christ's journey to the Cross to save us. Truly, Lent isn't a season—It's a *See-Son*!

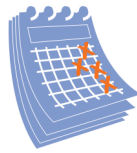
On this Lenten journey we open our eyes to see the Son, who brings forgiveness, hope, peace, and joy into our lives. And to help keep our eyes open during this See-Son is a Lenten devotional titled just that: "See-Son of Lent" by Creative Communications (2017).



"It's time to open our eyes to the loving sacrifice made by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It's time to open our hearts to his forgiveness and grace. It's time to open our mouths, ears and arms to those around us in Christ's name. This eye-opening booklet of daily devotions brings the meaning of Lent to light. With eyes fixed on Jesus' cross, we look up and out to the world around us."

FISH T.A.L.E

Reeling you in with all the happenings of Hope's Youth. Dedicated to encouraging, equipping, and casting youth out into the mission field—ready to give an answer for the HOPE they have within (1 Peter 3:15), in order to catch people with the gospel—to *Connect People To Jesus!*



UPCOMING DATES



Youth Group

Saturday, March 11, Noon—2:00PM



Christian Music Skate Night

@ Skateland of Brandon

Tuesday, March 14, 7—9:00PM

Youth-Led Feeding the Hungry

Saturday, March 25 @ 3:30-5:30pm



Youth Group

Saturday, April 8, Noon—2:00PM

YOUTH LOCK-IN @ Hope

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29



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